

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In step D, a roll forming process may be carried out to form the drop portion 16 in the hollow cylindrical body 12. According to the roll forming process, as shown in FIG. 12, a die apparatus 182 having a forming roll 180 is used. The forming roll 180 has a cylindrical barrel 184 and a bulging portion ~~[[86]]~~ 186 projecting diametrically outwardly from a substantially central portion of the barrel 184. The bulging portion ~~[[86]]~~ 186 and the barrel 184 are joined to each other via tapered portions 160a, 160b. As with the die apparatus 130 described above, the tapered portions 160a, 160b are complementary in shape to the tapered portions 144, 154. The bulging portion 186 has a length corresponding to the length of the small-diameter portion 142 of the first split die 134.